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1. VI Main Administration for Training:

a. Personnel:

Generalinspekteur Laisser, Chief*

Chefinspekteur Wulz, Deputy Chief

Chefinspekteur Doeiling, Chief of PK-Hauptabteilung

25X1 Chefinspekteur Heitsch, Chief of Staff and Chief of Training Section

Chefinspekteur Koehn, Chief of Personnel Section

Chefinspekteur von Weech, Chief of Section for Administration & Supply

b. Missions:

The VI Main Administration for Training, in the Soviet Zone of Germany, controls 13 VP Schulen and 39 VI Bereitschaften, which are purely military units and classified as Zonenpolizei (Zonal Police). The function of the VP Schulen and the VP Bereitschaften is the training of officers and NCOs. The total strength of the Zonenpolizei was allegedly no more than 60,000 police at the time of observation.

2. Polizeibereitschaften.

a. General:

(1) A-Bereitschaften: Infantry units of about 1,000 police each.

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(2) B-Bereitschaften: Artillery units of about 750 police each.

(3) C-Bereitschaften: Tank units of about 1,000 police each.

b. The following bereitschaften are stationed in Thuringia:

(1) Apolda (M 52/J 67): One B-Bereitschaft

(2) Langensalza (M 52/J 08): One A-Bereitschaft

(3) Suhl (M 51/J 02): One A-Bereitschaft

(4) Meiningen (M 51/H 82): One A-Bereitschaft

(5) Erfurt (M 51/J 36): One A-Bereitschaft

(6) Gotha (M 51/J 06): One A-Bereitschaft

(7) Muehlhausen: One A and one B-Bereitschaft
(M 52/K 89)

(8) Gera: One A-Bereitschaft.
(M 51/K 06)

c. Muehlhausen A-Bereitschaft:

(1) Organization:

Stab (headquarters):

Commanding officer

Soviet staff officer wearing VP uniform

IK-Leiter

Deputy commanding officer and Ausbildungsleiter
(training officer)

Administration & supply officer

Party organizer, subordinate to IK-Leiter

Planning & operations officer

Special mortar unit:

About 60 police, subordinate to the Ausbildungsleiter

1st Kommando: 260 police

2d Kommando: 260 police

3rd Kommando: 260 police

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(2) Armament:

Twelve mortars of various caliber

Four 50-mm AT guns

Three hundred carbines

Twelve machine guns, model 08/15

Eighteen machine guns, model 34

Sixty pistols, model 08

Sixty pistols, model 38

Twenty 7.65-mm pistols, model Mauser.

(3) Motor vehicles: Two Horch trucks

Two Volkswagen general purpose cars

Two Opel Super 6 passenger cars

One Wanderer passenger car.

d. Miscellaneous:

(1) The police trainees of the Bereitschaften will be employed as NCOs upon completion of their training in late May or early June 1950.

(2) All police units other than Zonenpolizei (Zonal Police) are classified Landespolizei (Land Police).

Comments: Upon his appointment ca. 10 February 1950 as Minister of State Security, Zaisser was replaced as Generalinspekteur of the HVA by Heinz Hoffmann.

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